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1. In connection with the distribution of the new PSN weekly Labor, a plan of action was issued by the Press Committee of the PSN on 12 October, and a circular letter was written by Manuel Perez Estrada, director of the paper, to PSN cellular committees.
2. Since the editors of Labor wish to avoid any clash with the authorities, --the paper does not carry the party name or make any overt reference to its sponsorship --, street sales of the weekly are considered risky. The plan of action of the Press Committee attempts to solve the problem by conducting a campaign for subscriptions. The letter of Perez Estrada instructs cell leaders to beware of selling the paper by means other than subscription, but adds that this is not to be construed as a prohibition of street sales by comrades who have less to fear from the authorities.

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Comment: The tone of Labor is frankly oppositionist and openly anti-United States. It is printed in the shop of La Nueva Prensa, a more or less liberal Managua daily whose opportunistic owner and editor, Gabry Rivas, has crossed swords with Somoza and is currently seeking a United States visa.

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